

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case Number: 15-cr-20594

v.

Honorable Thomas L. Ludington
Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris

CRAIG HELMUT BENZ,

Defendant.

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, ACCEPTING
DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY, AND TAKING THE RULE 11 PLEA
AGREEMENT UNDER ADVISEMENT**

On November 23, 2015, United States Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris conducted a plea hearing pursuant to Defendant's consent. The Magistrate Judge issued her report that same day, recommending that this Court accept Defendant's plea of guilty.

Although the Magistrate Judge's report explicitly stated that the parties to this action may object to and seek review of the recommendation within fourteen days of service of the report, neither Plaintiff nor Defendant filed any objections. The election not to file objections to the Magistrate Judge's report releases the Court from its duty to independently review the record. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985). The failure to file objections to the report and recommendation waives any further right to appeal.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 18) is **ADOPTED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that Defendant's plea of guilty is **ACCEPTED**, and the Rule 11 Plea Agreement (ECF No. 16) is taken **UNDER ADVISEMENT**.

Dated: December 15, 2015

s/Thomas L. Ludington
THOMAS L. LUDINGTON
United States District Judge

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served upon each attorney or party of record herein by electronic means or first class U.S. mail on December 15, 2015.

s/Michael A. Sian
MICHAEL A. SIAN, Case Manager